

General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 468

February Session, 2006

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ALTERNATIVE AIR QUALITY COMPLIANCE TASK FORCE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (Effective from passage) (a) On or before September 1, 2006, 2 the Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall convene the 3 initial meeting of the Alternative Air Quality Task Force established 4 under subsection (b) of this section. The task force shall review and, on 5 or before January 1, 2007, report its findings and recommendations, in 6 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, 7 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having 8 cognizance of matters relating to the environment concerning 9 alternative air quality compliance methods to replace or modify 10 current motor vehicle emissions testing, including, but not limited to, 11 (1) remote motor vehicle emissions sampling; (2) higher efficiency and 12 lower emissions fleet replacement or retrofitting of state vehicles and 13 state assisted vehicle operations; (3) state tax incentives and other 14 assistance for higher efficiency and lower emissions commercial fleet, 15 other commercial use and personal use vehicle replacement or retrofitting; (4) expansion of the availability and use of alternative 16 17 motor vehicle fuels; and (5) incentives to increase use of mass transit 18 alternatives. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits 19 such report or on January 1, 2007, whichever is later.

20 (b) The task force shall consist of eleven members appointed as 21 follows: (1) Six members having professional, scientific experience or 22 knowledge in air quality measurement and compliance, two of whom 23 shall be appointed by the Governor, one by the speaker of the House of 24 Representatives, one by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one 25 by the minority leader of the House of Representatives and one by the 26 minority leader of the Senate; (2) two members having professional, 27 scientific experience or knowledge in alternative fuels, one of whom 28 shall be appointed by the majority leader of the House of 29 Representatives and one by the majority leader of the Senate; (3) the 30 Commissioner of Environmental Protection, or the commissioner's 31 designee, who shall also chair the task force; (4) the Commissioner of 32 Economic and Community Development, or the commissioner's 33 designee; and (5) the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or the 34 commissioner's designee.

(c) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	from passage	New section

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